

REMARKS

General remarks

Claims 1 – 16 are pending in the application.

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action in the present application. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131

The Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, submitted with Applicants' response filed on December 13, 2004, was deemed insufficient to establish Applicants' reduction to practice of the invention in a WTO member country prior to the effective date of the DeYoung et al. (6,577,757) reference, because the declaration was signed by less than all of the inventors and does not indicate the co-inventors who did not sign the declaration.

Applicants submit herewith a revised declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131. The revised declaration remedies the above noted deficiency because it is now signed by all of the named co-inventors. Entrance of the revised declaration as evidence showing reduction to practice of the invention prior to the effective date of the DeYoung et al. reference is respectfully requested.

Drawings

Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is noted with appreciation.

Specification

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his objection to the paragraph at page 7, 4th full paragraph (corresponding to paragraph 0055 of the published application) and to the paragraph at page 20, paragraph 3, line 5 (corresponding to paragraph 0174 of the published application) of the specification in view of the self-explanatory corrections shown above.

Applicants respectfully note that the typographical errors indicated by the Examiner have already been corrected in the application as published.

Abstract

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw objection to the Abstract in view of the self explanatory correction, appearing on a separate sheet as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.72(b), shown above.

Claims Rejections

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11, 13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by DeYoung et al. (6,577,757).

Claims 2, 4, 6, 10, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeYoung et al. (6,577,757) as applied to claims 1, 3, 9, and 11.

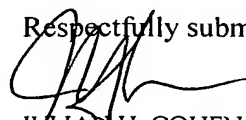
DeYoung et al. describes a system and method for dynamic image recognition and was filed in the United States on July 28, 1999.

As noted above, Applicants submit herewith a declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 showing that the invention described and claimed in the present application was conceived and reduced to practice in Israel, a WTO country, prior to February 5, 1998. All of the named inventors have signed the revised declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131. The DeYoung et al. reference is thus inapplicable for rejecting the invention described and claimed in the present application. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw rejection of claims 1 – 16.

Conclusion and request for telephone interview

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in order. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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